



### Market commentary

Global share markets returned solid returns in January, despite ongoing geopolitical tensions and changing policy signals creating some short-term volatility. Markets were buoyed by robust economic data and strong earnings in the US that in general comfortably exceeded expectations.

Forward looking company guidance has also been healthy. In the all-important US market, investors rotated away from the technology sector especially software names, favouring select defensive sectors, small caps and metals. Energy was the best performing sector driven by increased demand, as severe winter weather hit the US, alongside the heightened geopolitical tensions.

By the end of the year the Reserve Bank of New Zealand had reduced the Official Cash Rate (OCR) to 2.25%, with economic activity remaining subdued. Heading into the February 2026 review, markets expect the Bank to hold the OCR steady. This is the first OCR review with the new RBNZ governor Anna Breman.

All returns are in local currency terms unless stated.

### Investment managers

**JBWere**

Investment manager for the Scheme and International equities, Australasian equities, and Cash asset classes.

**Harbour**  
ASSET MANAGEMENT

Investment manager for the International fixed interest asset class.

**amova**  
Asset Management

Investment manager for the New Zealand fixed interest asset class.

### Fund performance

	Past year
<b>Annual return</b> (after deductions for charges and a PIR tax rate of 28%)	7.70%
<b>Annual return</b> (after deductions for charges but before tax)	8.82%
<b>Market index annual return*</b> (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	9.01%

\*The market index comprises the benchmark index returns of each of the asset classes weighted by their benchmark asset allocations. Refer to the SIPO for more information on the market index for this Fund.

### Key fund facts

**Objective:** The Balanced Fund aims to provide a medium level of return over the medium to long term. It is suitable for investors who are prepared to accept a medium level of risk.

**Description:** The Balanced Fund is an internationally diversified fund that mainly invests in growth assets (e.g. shares) with a moderate allocation to income assets (e.g. bonds).

<b>Minimum recommended investment timeframe</b>	7 years
<b>Target allocation</b>	60% growth assets / 40% income assets
<b>Inception date</b>	31 January 2024
<b>Annual fund charges</b> (estimated % of net asset value)	0.99%
<b>Risk indicator*</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Potentially lower returns</span> <span>Potentially higher returns</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 5px;">1</div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 5px;">2</div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 5px;">3</div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 5px;">4</div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 5px;">5</div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 5px;">6</div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 5px;">7</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>Lower risk</span> <span>Higher risk</span> </div>

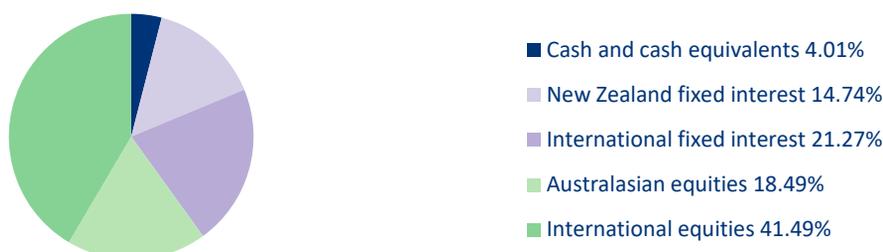


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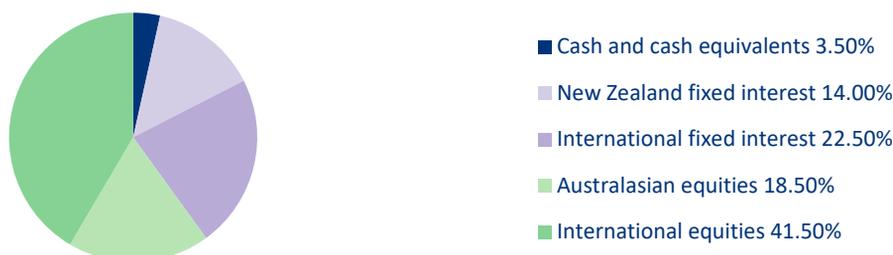


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#### Actual asset allocation as at 31 December 2025



#### Target asset allocation



#### Top 10 investments as at 31 December 2025

No	Asset name	% of fund net assets	Type	Country	Credit rating (If Applicable)
1	Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund	21.27%	International fixed interest	NZ	
2	JBWere Premium Custody Call Account - NZD	3.80%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	
3	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd	3.01%	Australasian equities	NZ	
4	Infratil Ltd	2.17%	Australasian equities	NZ	
5	Apple Inc	1.81%	International equities	US	
6	Nvidia Corp	1.66%	International equities	US	
7	Auckland International Airport Ltd	1.44%	Australasian equities	NZ	
8	Alphabet Inc Class A	1.40%	International equities	US	
9	Microsoft Corp	1.31%	International equities	US	
10	Meridian Energy Limited	1.17%	Australasian equities	NZ	

The total value of the above investments as a percentage of the net asset value of the Balanced Fund is 39.04%.

\*Because the fund has been operating for fewer than 5 years, the risk indicator is calculated using market index returns for the period of 1 February 2021 - 31 March 2024 and actual fund returns for the period 1 April 2024 – 31 January 2026. As a result, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indication of the potential future volatility of the fund.

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